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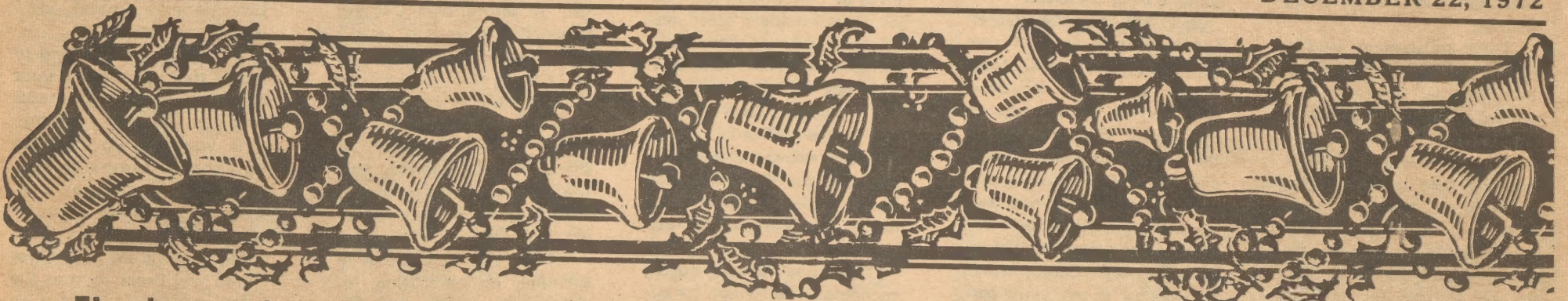
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Thank you for our Second Anniversary and Merry Christmas to all from the Editor and Staff of the Valley Star



into being that there was a great need for a media that would listen to the people at all levels, just as, at the time of Christ there was a great need for a leader who could restore faith and love in mankind.

We also felt that numbers of false prophets had proclaimed to be that media, just as the people of nineteen hundred years ago had been confronted and misled by many false prophets. That is why we are proud to say today that we love each and every one of our readers. That is why we are so proud when we hear one say to us, as we pass by on the street, "Keep

up the good work. We're here to help you and we know that you're here to help us."

That is what we're talking about: our second anniversary, the purpose, the goals, and the need. We feel that we can and we will meet the needs of our community as a media. But we must have your support, as a community as a media. But we must, as a city, and as a friend, of what we stand for. We can not successfully do our job unless we know that you are satisfied, and unless we know that you are willing to help

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## Tomorrow is Forever and Today is the Beginning

BY: Jim Colvin

Nineteen hundred and seventy two years ago, when the Star of Bethlehem shone brightly toward the East, three wise men gathered up their belongings, and armed with their faith, set out to pursue this unexplainable beacon, shining through the skies and filling their hearts with joy and hope. Because in their hearts they knew they were being given a message for all men and for all time: "Joy has come to the land of sorrow, salvation has come to the heart of defeat."

As I sit here tonight, (alone at my desk), and try to imagine how those wise men felt, I can't help being somewhat short in my reminiscing. I look back to just two years ago, to the thrill and the joy that I felt when I held in my

hands the first issue of the Valley Star. During that happy moment I felt a Star had been born; within this community, within this city, a Star had been born, and that we as wise men and women would gather our courage to pursue this beacon. The beacon that would carry a message throughout our community and our city, a message to all of our loved ones from whom we had been so long separated.

That is why I was so proud to accept the name 'Valley Star', a name that would link up nineteen hundred years of civilization, and carry a message to people who have for so long reached out, but never were able to feel they were getting the blessing of the beacons of the stars.

These people are the minority people of our community, and throughout America; these people are still reaching for a star. We hope that in our future we will be able to bring that star within their grasp. Because when we say we are reaching for a better tomorrow, we proudly claim that that tomorrow is yours as well as ours.

So we greet you on this our second anniversary. We have chosen to observe December instead of November as our anniversary month, in order to coincide with the Christmas holidays, the celebration of the coming of Christ. Because of the Valley Star, we feel that these two celebrations have something in common. We felt at the time that the newspaper came







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us. We do not feel we're doing a job unless we can know that we have you working with us.

There are so many ways in which you can work side by side with us. There are our children, who have been wonderful and who have worked with us throughout the hot and the cold seasons, trying to bring our message to your door. They are your loved ones, and your future. We hope, here at the Valley Star, to add a little bit more to that. We hope to give them an opportunity to serve you in the future, an opportunity that has been denied before. We hope to train them to work as newspaper men and women. We hope to train them to work in a productive capacity as administrators and directors.

The Valley Star offers the community of Saginaw, and northeast Saginaw in particular, these opportunities. The people of Saginaw, and northeast Saginaw in particular, must take heed to this important message that we bring you on our second anniversary, because hopefully, from this message our star will shine more brightly throughout this community, and throughout your hearts and your homes as long as there is one of us left, and as long as there is one of us who cares. As long as there is one of us who feels the need to communicate, we will serve that purpose. We will unite in the streets, in the businesses, in the churches; and wherever you may be, we hope to link up with you. We hope to satisfy your demands so that your voices will be heard, and carried to your neighbors, to your friends and to your loved ones, near and far.

I'd like to stress a few other important points. The city of Saginaw has multiple reservoirs of talent. As of this day, we have not even begun to tap these resources. And one of the greatest resources in our society today is communication. That is why every city in America has some form of news media that addresses itself to its causes and its needs.

Here, at the Valley Star, we hope to begin a new era. We want to train and employ more than ten full-time staff members, so that they will be able to work as certified newspaper men and women, on

any newspaper anywhere in America. We're not asking anyone to come forward and give us this; we're saying we're going to do it ourselves.

In 1973, the Valley Star hopes to have at least one hundred boys and girls, black, brown, and white, delivering and carrying the message of the Valley Star throughout the city of Saginaw. These children will not only be carrying a message, but they will be learning responsibility and earning their weekly allowance. They will become industry-minded at an early age. This we can do with your support.

We have said so often, "How can we keep our children out of the streets? Lord, what can we do for those boys?" And the answer has been the same. We can't do anything because we don't have anything to do anything with. That has been one of our major stumbling blocks, not having enough of what we need to carry out our plans.

But we do have a resource, a way to get our kids off the streets and give them real and constructive work to do. A community and a business which are working hand in hand can accomplish this task. We can make our young people productive, constructive, as well as idealistic, by giving them some goals to reach for.

You, our readers, can help, just by subscribing to the Valley Star, having it delivered to your door on a weekly basis, having your friends and neighbors subscribe, and call the boy down the street and let him be your paperboy. This can become a chain reaction, because from this we can employ more than ten full time people. We're talking about a starting pay of \$100 or more per week, plus other benefits, as well as the chance to work up a professional career. And let's talk about our paperboys, who can earn \$5, \$7, \$9, or \$10 a week, just by delivering paper one day a week.

You ask, "How can all of this be done?" Remember that our local daily paper is distributing approximately 50,000 papers a day, at 15 cents a copy. They're doing it, we can do it.

A few more statistics: there are more than 170 black newspapers throughout America, that is, either black-owned or black-oriented. And what is the black community

spending for this?

In 1970, two years ago, Proctor and Gamble spent more than \$265 million on advertising; General Foods spent \$170 million; Sears and Roebuck spent \$130 million; General Motors spent \$129 million; Parke-Davis, the drug and medicine company, spent \$126 million; Colgate-Palmolive, \$121 million; Bristol-Myers, \$117 million; American Home Products, \$100 million; Ford Motor Co., \$90 million; AT & T, \$86 million; these were the top ten advertisers in 1970.

Let's take a closer look at Proctor & Gamble, for instance: They are the world's greatest producers of soaps, detergents, and cleaning supplies. And I can tell you one thing: minority people are some of the world's greatest users of detergent, because everything we own has to be washed three or four times a day. So we are spending a great deal of money towards this advertising. And I'd like to emphasize that. If you're buying their product, you're repaying for their advertising. But how often have you seen Proctor and Gamble advertising in the Valley Star? That should be the beginning of your thinking.

How about General Foods, spending \$170 million for advertising. Naturally, minority people are great contributors to the sale of food products. Sears Roebuck, spending \$130 million; how much money do you spend at Sears, compared with the amount Sears spends with your neighborhood newspaper? And isn't the fourth largest spender, General Motors, one of the most conspicuous money-makers in your neighborhood? Look up and down your street and you'll see more Chevrolets, more Eldorados, more GM models than any other kind.

These are our advertising dollars, and the only way that we're going to get these people to identify with our neighborhood newspaper is by supporting it ourselves. By doing that, all of you can give us the tools we need to work with, and we can take it from there. And I assure you, if you support us from a community level, we guarantee you the output from the national level. Advertising supports your daily newspapers, your local television and radio stations, your billboards along the highways. Why in hell can't it support your your neighborhood black newspaper?

Let's look at a few more statistics (and believe me, I have some substantiated figures to give you). Here is some information I received on October 6, 1972, regarding three major companies. Goodrich Company, they have allocated \$6 million to their account for 1973. Also, the Beechnut Company, makers of Life Savers and Beechnut Gum, have launched a special ad campaign where they will spend four to seven million dollars next year.

You may be surprised to hear that most of the major grocery chains regularly spend 1% of their gross sales on advertising; and 72% of this budget goes into newspaper

advertising. It is predicted that 63% of the chain stores will increase that spending this year.

Now when we say that 72% of the advertising is in newspapers, let's see how that applies to our local newspaper. Do we see these chain stores, like Vescio's, A&P, Kroger, K-Mart, advertising in the Valley Star? Not so far, right? But look at the check-outs in these stores and see black people lined up with hundreds of dollars worth of groceries. People who receive welfare and food stamps are regularly spending over three-fourths of their income in grocery stores. These people are spending advertising dollars just like that person working in General Motors plants or in some carpeted office downtown.

Only you can demand that your community get the support of this advertising budget, by getting behind it and supporting it yourself. And I know that we can do it. And we're going to do it. I will be sharing more interesting statistics with you, and I will demand for you our rightful share of the economic pie, the financial empire of our nation today, which is spending billions on advertising.

That's your dollar they're spending for advertising, for top salaries. For example, look at our local daily paper, whose staff numbers in the hundreds. Who pays these salaries? Which run as high as \$65,000 a year? You do. You buy the groceries, you buy the cars, you buy the tires, you buy the clothes, the TV sets, the stereos. But you're being left out when it comes to being recognized in your own community.

You're being left out because the rest of the city doesn't even know you exist, unless you shoot someone, or your child breaks a window. Then they call it a riot. Then they say, "Oh, yes we know, they're the ones who kill everybody."

But what about your little girl who comes home with straight A's from school, your little boy who kicks the longest field goal, what about your teenager who works every summer to buy his own school clothes, your high school students who form groups to raise money for good causes? These things should be talked about. Your community should take an interest in these things, because they are the things that make up your life, your struggle to have a good life.

If others can reap the benefits of these good things, so can you. Others have fought for this, and you will have to fight for it too. You have a fighting man here, who is asking you to join in this battle, because there is strength in numbers; there is power in numbers. The only way that we can create and maintain a positive image, and demand respect in our community, is to do it together, with the strength of our numbers.

Now let's talk about exactly how we are going to do this.

If our major advertisers are spending one-percent of the

money we are spending with them on their products, on advertising, then we certainly should be able to demand just one-third of that one-percent. And we will demand it in a constructive manner, and we will use it in a constructive manner.

If our local daily paper can employ a staff of over a hundred people, and over five hundred newspaper boys, then surely our weekly paper can employ a staff of ten full-time workers, with a decent and reasonable income. So let's start taking a look at reality. Let's look forward to our daughters' and sons reaping the benefits of our work and our unified struggle. And let's get the ball rolling. This is not a plea; this is a reminder. I'm only telling you what can be done, but I'm saying that with your support I will do it. That is my pledge to you for the year of 1973. Give me your support, and I promise you results.

I promise you the kind of results that you can put your hands on, the kind of results that you can see. I can promise you that you will see your sons as distributing manners, your daughters as secretaries and reporters, your son as photographers and dark-room technicians. These things will begin to turn the tides, and we will feel that we are enjoying the harvest of our labors, and our Star will shine brightly. For tomorrow is forever, and today is the beginning. Merry Christmas to all.



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## Director Reviews 1972

BY: Charlene Colvin

In his sunny office, hung with awards and certificates of appreciation, and the latest in executive playthings, a mini-computer, on the desk, Mr. Franklin M. Gary, executive director of the Catholic Diocese Community Affairs Department, talked with the Valley Star about the work of his department during the past year, he explained, "We have been a success to a point in terms of what we are trying to do. We have attempted to improve the relationships between racial groups; we have tried to provide a different leadership. I feel the Church itself has come to the forefront as far as being socially concerned. It is now in the process of redefining the term "parish", and broadening the concept of the parish. The parish now includes not only the members of any given church, but also everyone who lives in that geographical area."

The department has concentrated its work this year in two basic areas. The first of these Mr. Gary calls "racial awareness by the Church itself," evident mostly through a national project called the Campaign for Human Development, with which most of the public is familiar because of its exposure on national television. The Community Affairs Department is in charge of the Campaign at the local level. The Campaign for Human Development is a two-sided effort. The first objective is to educate the public toward more enlightened attitudes on racial groups and race relations. The second is to raise funds, through donations from those whose attitudes have been changed and by other methods and then to use these funds for projects directed at changing at changing the structure of our country's institutions. The Campaign prefers to award funds not to institutions or to individuals, but to community groups, which it feels are most powerful in effecting institutional changes.

The second basic area of the Department's work is education, and there are four major projects involved in this area.

The Educational Training Supplement is a financial project which provides tuition grants for deserving students so that they may attend col-

on a one-year demonstration basis by the Campaign for Human Development to help or obtain training. Many of the students who have been given such grants are attending colleges in the Saginaw area, but some are also at state university in other cities. Mr. Gary estimates that 60% of these students have been black, about 5% Indians, and the remaining 35% white and other groups.

The most innovative of the projects is the new Student Rights Center, which was started last August. There are only two others like it in the United States. It is a one year demonstration project, which if successful will be funded again. The Center's responsibility is to instruct students as to their rights in the educational system, and their responsibilities as well. The attitudes of educators toward students is changing; students are no longer considered "empty pitchers before a flowing fountain," the teacher. The teacher-student relationship is now being seen as a two-way learning situation, with both contributing knowledge and understanding.

The Center's aims are to teach students how to represent themselves in an informed and reasonable way, and "to head off crisis situations." It also works with parents, and conducts workshops for administrators as well.

Working hand in hand with the Center is the Educational Coalition, which Mr. Gary described as a group of ombudsmen, or parent-advocates, who are preparing themselves toward with and represent students in dealings with the school system. This group is at present being trained by a consulting firm at the University of Michigan.

Another new idea being experimented with is the Dropout Retriever Project, which was designed by Sister Ardith Platt and Mr. Lou Oates, and is operated through St. Joseph's School, combined group study with unstructured individual study programs. The program also recognizes the importance of parental attitudes and the home situation and attempts to work as closely with parents in the home as with students in the classroom. About twenty students are now involved in the project, which is funded

Human Development.

Mr. Gary's day's work includes not only the administration and evaluation of all of these programs, but the planning of workshops for various groups, a great many speaking engagements on behalf of the Department, and representing the Church and the Bishop at various functions in the community, as well.

Besides all of this, he must also develop new and more extensive programs for the future. The most pressing of these is the extension of the department's services to the other 16 counties for which the Saginaw Diocese carries responsibility, since its work has thus far been concentrated in Saginaw County itself. This extension will be accomplished through the help of such agencies as the Office of Economic Opportunity, and by enlisting the help of the people who now live in those counties and are familiar with the people and the problems there.

Mr. Gary also talked about some new directions the department might take in 1973: "Right now I am leaning toward economic development, and criminal justice and crime prevention." The proposed Project Aquarius will be concerned with pre- and post-release work to be done with prison inmates, including family counseling, employment assistance, and continuing personal counseling before and after release.

All of these things are in the works for 1973.

Mr. Gary is also involved in a number of things apart from the Community Affairs Department. He travels to various cities as a consultant, recently state-certified, in the areas of human relations, race relations, and program development. He also teaches Black history at Delta College, he explained, "I used to teach full-time and I've never really gotten away from it." He is available as a speaker and lecturer on all of these subjects.

Like most up-and-coming young men, Mr. Gary is optimistic about his personal future, and does not plan to remain in his present position long enough to retire from it. His activities as a consultant and as a speaker are directed toward a professional career in one or both of these fields. Mr. Gary feels that there is much that can be accomplished by a professional public speaker on the national level, and this is the goal toward which he aspires.

It is clear that Franklin Gary's talents and his many contributions to social improvement are very much appreciated by the people of Saginaw, by the strong demand for his services in many capacities. It is just as obvious that he is a young man going places and Saginaw is fortunate to be one of the places on his way.



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## Enters Miss Teen Ager Pageant



Carolyn Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Willie C. Brown living at 3316 North Street, has been chosen as a contestant of the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant. She is a senior at Buena Vista High School and a member of the Travel-

ers Club, Feature Secretary's Club and also the Pep Club. She is also on her third year as a waitress at Ramonds Restaurant. Miss Brown is being sponsored by The Valley Star, House of Style Barber Shop, and Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 26 AF & AM.

## Migrant Problems in New York

Wayne County, which borders on the southern shore of Lake Ontario in New York State's fruit tree belt, is a microcosm of all the social problems faced by America's seasonal and migrant farm workers.

With the largest number of summer migrant workers in the state - estimated to be 3,500 at the season's peak, the county is a pleasant, rural area, dotted with comfortable small towns with large frame houses and tall, white church spires. Near the lake, roads are lined with large cherry, peach and apple orchards. Juice and fruit processing plants are nearby.

On the main highways everything appears to be prosperous. Farm equipment, chemical and fertilizer stores abound; white people drive by in late model cars. But a side road through an apple orchard brings you, several miles later, to a long, white-washed building that is a farm labor camp.

"This one is supposed to meet standards of the state sanitary code," says Talbert Hall, the black director of outreach for Program Funding Inc., an agency which channels Office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division funds into the area. "But this one doesn't," he added, pointing to another weather-beaten barracks nearby. He entered a room in the non-approved building where he talked with a white woman, sitting

was no hot water in her building. Small privies stood on nearby hillsides. A hot air vent from a heating pipe served Mrs. Rivers' room. Migrants stay in Wayne County until mid-November when it becomes quite cold.

Later Hall drove up another side road to another camp where a large farm house, surrounded by smaller row barracks houses, stood. Off to one side was a dilapidated barn and next to it a worn, tumbledown shack that looked like it might have once been used to house chickens. Inside its one room lived a black couple, their two small children and the man's brother.

"We don't have anything to eat. I don't have milk for the children," the woman told Hall, opening the refrigerator to reveal empty shelves. She told Hall she and her husband had to pay \$2 a week for gas and electricity for the shack. The family had come up from Florida in a rusted old school bus parked behind the farm house, where the crew leader and his family lived.

Hall promised to come back the next day, get her food stamp application signed (the crew leader or grower has to verify that no work is available) and take her to nearby Sodus for groceries. In the meantime, he called a Catholic priest who provided money from an emergency fund so the family could eat that night. As at the other camp, Hall asked people if they needed unemployment insurance forms. New York State made the insurance applicable to migrants for the first time this year, due to Hurricane Agnes. He also told them about the OEO-supported free

health clinic in Sodus.

"There are some decent migrant camps, including some that use mobile homes," Hall said. "But I estimate they only make up 30 to 35 per cent of the nearly 300 camps in the county."

Last year members of the Wayne County Rural Comprehensive Health Clinic sued the State Health Department for "breach of duty" in regard to illegal operation of 54 migrant camps in violation of the sanitary code. This resulted to closing of some camps, but many are still in operation, one person knowledgeable about migrant affairs said.

The suit had repercussions in other parts of the state. In Oneida County, snap bean growers were planning to modernize one migrant camp to house several work crews during the August picking season. But the growers could not afford to meet what Mrs. Dorothy K. Rand of the local church-supported Migrant Committee, called "all the stringent" requirements of the state code. Consequently, some growers had to plow under peas and beans, the migrants didn't come and mechanical harvesters were used for most picking. During the past eight years, Mrs. Rand has seen a steady decline in migrants due to mechanization. Non-processed beans are still best picked by hand, but there is less demand for them.

Some migrants have left the stream to settle down in upstate areas. They do seasonal farm work, are employed in food processing plants or in other full-time jobs. Housing is the biggest problem. In Wayne County, former migrants are living in old

tenant houses, often owned by farmers. Near the village of Sodus, some old tourist cabins - tiny square blocks - have been converted into year around houses for black families. Ninety per cent of the Wayne migrants are blacks.

One agency dealing with housing problems of needy rural people is Community Action in Self Help (CASH), which organizes groups of families who build their own homes together, sharing the work. CASH, headed by Rev. Ivory Simmons, a black Baptist minister from Lyons, works with the Farmers Home Administration and Federal Housing Administration, sources of loans to families, to give technical expertise and architectural services to the self-help groups. So far eight houses have been built and six more are under way.

CASH receives funding from the OEO and church groups, including the United Methodist Church.

"We feel that self-help housing not only builds houses, but also builds families," said Mr. Simmons. "They have a chance to learn about taxes and legal responsibilities like assuming a mortgage. I think one of the most unique things about our program is that people have a chance to become their own bosses."

Mr. Simmons became interested in rural housing needs because of his struggles to find a home when he first came to Wayne County. After living in a migrant camp "where conditions were terrible," he tried to rent or buy a home but was confronted by the familiar "But someone else already has been here" when the home owner saw his color. Now he has his

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The editor tries one of the GM safety cars to prove that alcohol and driving doesn't mix.

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## COMPOUND PAINS

BY: Brother James Maxwell

Normal things are real. Natural things are real. Whatever happens to a city, state, or to a person is real. Trying to deal with problems creates problems. We have too many habits. Mostly, people worry about things that they don't own. For example: money, car, clothes, nice sex mates, color TV, \$15,000 home, money for every holiday. You don't own anything in life.

God owns all! These things are not for those who confuse con-money with brain power. There is the con-man that lives off of welfare women and children. And there is the con-man that run countries. They are not the same. One understands life 100% better than the other. They have one thing in common: They both have compound pains.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We join with Santa to send glad-hearted greetings, with the wish that Christmas bring to you many good things . . . good friends and good cheer, good health and good fellowship, good fortune now and in the days ahead. It's a happy time of year, and making it even brighter for us are our memories of the times we have had the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

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### Black Progress

BY: Helen E. Hall

Let us depart from the chronological history of Black

People in Saginaw for a few moments to reflect on the last general election and how wide participation - or the lack of it - effects all of us. If you did not register to vote in the election or help anyone

to get to the polls, and are surprised at the outcome, you have only yourself to blame. You may remember that over a year ago I predicted in this newspaper that a "landslide" was possible - that a "political

holocaust", like the switch of Democrats across the country to the support of a Republican President, could occur in that election. Party tickets appeared to be split more

than usual, even though that kind of strategy to win has often been used before by other political parties. The candidates carried on strong campaigns, but it is certain that only two or three issues led to the predicted landslide.

What led to the Nixon landslide? Not so much that incumbents have the advantage by already being in office: three specific issues raised his score; his stand against busing, his objections to the abortion proposal, and his statements on welfare. All of these issues should directly concern minorities, and do involve some. That is all the more reason why a more concerted interest in politics should be shown by Blacks - especially, as it effects our daily lives. Black people understand attitudes of the White Majority more than they understand themselves where social problems are concerned. The general political rivalry throughout history has always been primarily between the so-called liberals and the conservatives - regardless of the issues, but, especially, in those involving race there is no party line drawn.

This is not necessarily due entirely to strong hatred among the races, though many Black peoples' problems originate in that area. It is, in fact, a result of community practices and policies perpetrated and perpetuated by other segments which force referendums - or public voting - on issues, such as busing, which is caused by realtors' housing practices. Real estate salesmen and boards observe restrictive laws which are the cause of unfair de facto segregation - thus, passing the responsibility of eradicating this problem to lawmakers, schools and voters.

Some welfare case workers negligence in running down known cases of welfare frauds (people receiving assistance undeservedly) are inexcusable. Documentation by some individuals has proved that the Welfare Department should be held responsible for an unnecessary overload of recipients. A lot has been said by politicians about poor families, black and white, having too many children - or more than they are financially able to care for. If this is true, then, all three above-mentioned issues - made political when they should not be - do apply to minorities - especially Blacks. This points out the need for a massive move toward political and voter education among minorities. When will we wake up to the fact that the Black man has to do those things for himself? No one else need help him, except to give him the opportunity to prove what he can do for himself. Politicians only want your vote, so why not place yourself in an informed, knowledgeable position politically to change unpleasant, undesirable situations in your lives and in the community. Too much time has passed since the Emancipation Proclamation, when Black people were given the right to citizenship and to vote; and the present-day BI-

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## In the Spirit of Christmas

It's the season of His birth.  
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and remember the true  
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## REPORT FROM DETROIT

BY: Jane Hennsler

What can be more exciting than watching the returns on election night to see if "your" candidate has won? As in the past, various people who have campaigned throughout the state travel to Detroit to watch the election return to come in.

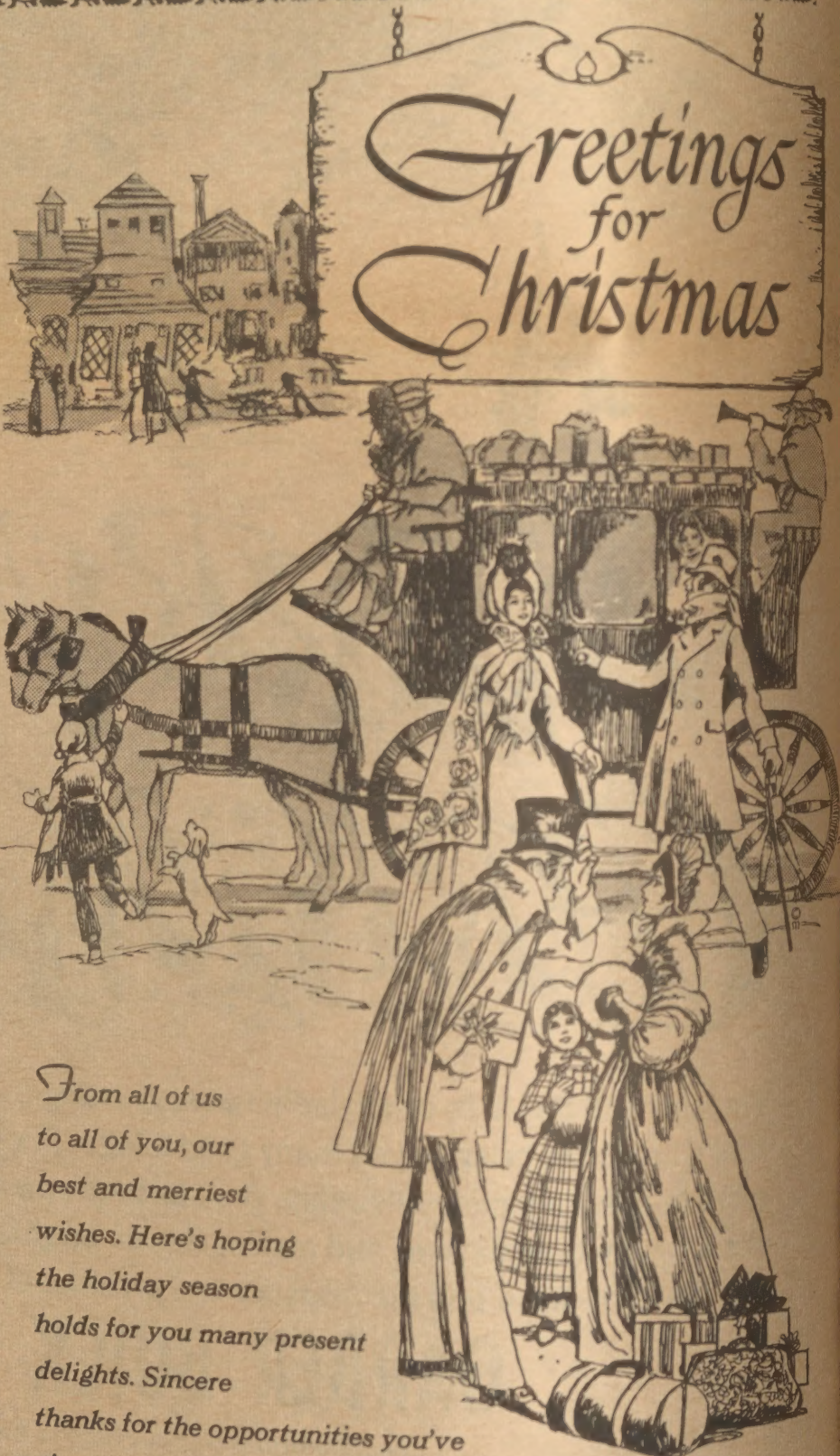
The Republicans were stationed at the Hilton Hotel and the Democrats at the Sheraton-Cadillac. Each were supplied with newsmen who interviewed key representative of both parties. The President's race was easy to cover, because by 8:15 p.m., he was assured of victory throughout the USA. However, the Senators contest was more challenging. The Detroit area was causing a big problem, since they decided to keep their polls open until 10:00 p.m. rather than the usual time 8:00 p.m.

Different courts were contesting each others verdict on whether or not the polls should be open. A decision was finally made to close the polls at 9:15 p.m. Now, the long hour of waiting until the tallies came in.

Meanwhile, Senator McGovern gave his concession speech from South Dakota telling the people of the United States that President Nixon was once again elected. It was a first time realizing how hard it would be to give such a speech after working many months on trying to reach a goal, but never obtaining it. Then, there was the speech of President Nixon saying he hoped to continue the efforts that he has worked on for the past four years.

It brought back memories of Miami and attending the National Convention. The full meaning of casting the votes for Michigan came to light, because the candidate I had personally chosen to represent me had won.

The realization of the campaign had officially come to an end was a happy time for most people.



From all of us  
to all of you, our  
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# CHRISTMAS

A time of joyousness . . . a time  
to wish everyone the blessings of this holy season.

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## Study-Culture Club Crowns Hattie Nash

A sparkling crown was placed on the head of Mrs. Hattie Nash, as the Saginaw Study-Culture Club held its fifth annual Coronation Ball on Saturday, December 9. The Civic Center banquet room was strung with holly streamers and wreaths for the occasion.

Besides the lovely silver-haired Mrs. Nash, the corona-



tion court consisted of Mrs. Dorothy Harris, Mrs. Opal Rodgers, Mrs. Cora Atwater, Mrs. Hadeaner Bond, Mrs. Connie Humes, Mrs. Darlene Washington, Mrs. Catherine Whitfield, and Mrs. Vera Hayes.

Acting a master of ceremonies was Mr. Elgin Dow, who is with the protective services section of the Department of Social Services of Saginaw County, and assisting him as fashion commentator was Mrs. Janice Sharpless.

After Mrs. Carrie Davis brought the queen's crown and purple robe, a bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Nash by Mrs. Essie Smith. Then the queen and her court, with their escorts, began the dancing with a promenade.

Soon the music, which was provided by the Mind, Body, and Soul, got mellow and bluesy and real dancing began. The ladies of the Study-Culture Club, though some of them are grandmothers and proud of it, have never forgotten how to dance, and at their annual fling they proved it. Before long, that huge, high-ceilinged ballroom, which sometimes has a way of making people feel like strangers, became as warm, noisy, and homey as a family party in your living room.

The Study-Culture Club knows how to give a party and they know how to work for the betterment of their community. This fine group of women has done more for this community than it will ever realize, in the 22 years since it was organized.

And if you missed this year's Coronation Ball, you missed a delightful evening.

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# GREETINGS



May the gaiety and warmth of the season brighten the hearts and light the lives of our good customers and friends. Thanks for your continued loyalty and patronage.

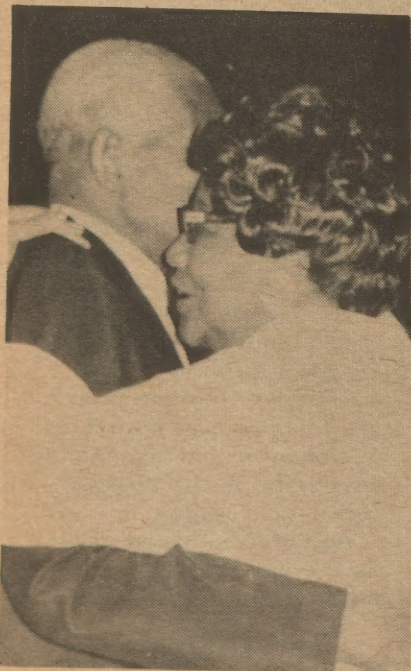
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## SOCIAL SECURITY

Mi madre se afilio al seguro medico bajo el Medicare hace 2 anos cuando ella cumplio los 65. Puede ella enviar cuentas para su pago en cualquier momento o hay un limite de tiempo? Hay un limite de tiempo para enviar las cuentas para su pago bajo el programa del seguro medico. El 2 de enero de 1973 es la fecha de vencimiento para someter las cuentas por los servicios recibidos del lro. de octubre 1970, al 30 de septiembre 1971. El 31 de diciembre, 1973, es el limite de tiempo para las cuentas de los servicios recibidos del lro. de octubre 1971, al 30 de septiembre, 1972. El Medicare no puede ayudar a pagar las cuentas a menos que sean enviadas antes de la fecha del vencimiento.

Sufri un ataque al corazon hace 2 meses y no puedo trabajar. He estado recibiendo un cheque semanal de \$60 del plan de seguro de salud de mi patrano. Estos cheques continuaran por 6 meses. Como hay un periodo de espera para lost beneficios del seguro social por incapacidad, debo esperar hasta que los cheques del seguro de mi patrano cesen antes de solicitar pagos del seguro social? No. Debe llamar inmediatamente a cualquier oficina del seguro social y hacer la solicitud.

Mande sus preguntas a: Social Security Questions, P.O. Box 1487, Saginaw, Michigan. Telephone 799-3430.



May the spirit of the Christmas season linger on and brighten all your days.

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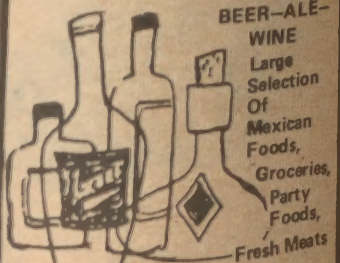
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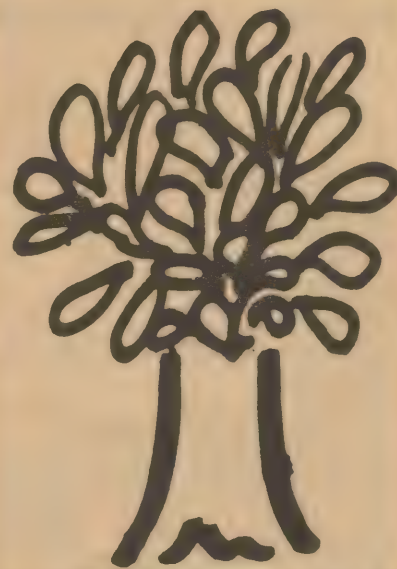
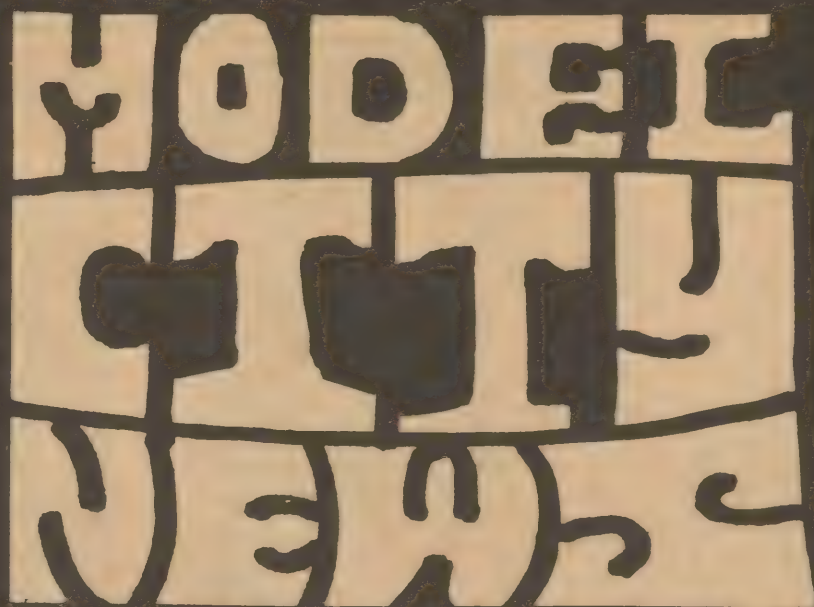
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## NEWS THAT YOU ARE A PART OF

### Mrs. Beatty is New CP Coordinator



Carlene Beatty

On Tuesday, December 12, the appointment of Mrs. Karlene D. Beatty to the position of Citizen Participation Coordinator became official. Mrs. Beatty was formerly with the Saginaw Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Mrs. Beatty feels her experiences at OIC have helped prepare her for her new position: "I am a strong believer in the concept and philosophy of OIC. OIC has proved that persons of the caliber of model neighborhood residents can also have their success stories. I feel that with my experiences in working with hard-core persons in OIC, I can somehow transfer some of the workable ideas; for example, the Adult Armchair Education program has involved neighborhoods that have learned from one another in comfortable armchair situations right in the homes."

The concept, she believes, might be usable in the citizen participation programs since it operates largely in the six Model City sub-areas which are really just neighborhoods.

Asked whether she had as yet formed an opinion about the difficulty of the task ahead of her, Mrs. Beatty answered, "So far, I am quite optimistic about citizens becoming an important and vital instrument in the Model

Cities program, as well as in city structure. Of course, I am also somewhat in a learning process since, as most citizens are aware, Model Cities is a very complex organization. But I have certainly learned quite a bit in the few days that I've been here."

"At this time I certainly have some hopes of involving the citizens in the many committees, more than they have been. And I have some hopes of citizens participating to the extent that the entire city will be awakened to the fact that the Model Cities program does not just exist on paper, but in actuality is real in the Model Neighborhood.

We asked Mrs. Beatty whether she felt the structure of the six Model Neighborhood sub-areas was a workable one. She stated, "I feel very strongly that the sub-area division is a good idea, because it gives you a small working area to handle and you can concentrate better in smaller sectors than in large ones. And I certainly will try to complement what is already being done in the six sub-areas."

Many model neighborhood residents have the feeling that Model Cities is "just another Department of Social Services", Mrs. Beatty was asked if this opinion was at all true. She responded, "I feel the necessity of Model Cities and especially of the citizens participation division, as a complement to Social Services and other agencies. There is a need for both Social Services and Model Cities."

"Most social agencies are involved in meeting the needs of those residents that may have the information to get to them. But citizens participation is the organization that makes this information available to the citizen, to the resident. It is through citizen participation that he learns these services exist."

Finally, we asked the new CP coordinator how she would define a true "model city."

She thought for a moment, and answered, "Physically, it would be a city where residents would feel comfortable in their surroundings. They could feel that the homes they live in look nice; the grounds around the home, the playgrounds and parks are complementary to these nice-looking homes."

"And I feel that the slum areas and the vacant lots that exist, all of this should be made attractive, so that we are proud of our surroundings."

"Economically, I feel that a model city should be able to control some of the money that is being spent, and see that the money is being spent in their areas. There should be minority businesses in a model city. I feel that whenever a city is able to control the funds that flow through the city, then it has become a model economically."

There can be no doubt that with a citizens participation coordinator who is thinking optimistically and in terms of pride, self-respect, self-help, and citizen control of the model neighborhood, the Model Cities can look forward to some excellent progress being made during the new year.

Peace...  
Joy



Goodwill...

It's the season for brotherly love and peace among all mankind. May your Christmas be joyous.

### What is Happening To This World Today

BY: Vernice Wright

My mother and I were sitting down talking about my uncle's house being broken into, which his television was stolen. Then she said she could remember the time you could leave your home open and go downtown and shop, when you came back home there wasn't anything gone. She also said that when you walk at night or day, you didn't have to worry about any one knocking you in the head or snatching your purse. Will we be able to walk down the streets anymore without thinking your purse might get snatched?

### How to Re-Use Gift Boxes, Cans

Don't be too quick to throw out those good boxes or cartons that hold your family's Christmas gifts — you can make them into handsome containers for everything from hair rollers to sewing materials, not forgetting the canisters and cookie tins you can make out of those plastic-lidded coffee cans!

Cover your boxes and coffee cans with self-adhesive plastic, decorate them with braid or tape, and label them with cut-out letters. It's easy to do with self stick plastic — just make sure surface of box or tin is clean and dry. Then cut your plastic to fit, allowing for an overlap at seams or edges, and press it down smoothly. Or you can use fabric or gift paper, which you'll have to glue on.

It's a great way to "recycle" your boxes and cans — and you'll have attractive containers for all sorts of things, in kitchen, bathroom, or at desk or phone.

You can make a pretty pencil jug out of a juice can ... and never again have to say, "Wait till I find a pencil," while you're talking on the phone!



# MODEL CITY

## SCHEDULE OF PERMANENT MEETINGS

### NAME OF MEETING

EDUCATION  
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
YOUTH COUNCIL  
ADDICTS ACTION COALITION  
MANPOWER  
SENIOR CITIZENS  
SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL  
HEALTH & DRUG ABUSE  
EDUCATION  
EVALUATION  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
POLICY BOARD  
M.P.C. BOARD  
SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

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### Effective November 10, 1972 NAME OF CONTACT PERSON

JOHN RODRIQUEZ  
PAM SIMMONS  
MARGARET COLEMAN  
THELMA RICHARDSON  
WILLIAM WILDER  
ROSETTA HARRELL  
MARGARET COLEMAN  
ROBERT MARTIN  
CLARA BOLES  
JOHN RODRIQUEZ  
THELMA RICHARDSON  
JOHN RODRIQUEZ  
ROSETTA HARRELL  
JOYCE BROWN  
CLARA BOLES

### ROOM LOCATIONS

ALL PURPOSE--1407 Janes, Multi-Purpose Center Phone 754-1463

C.D.A.--503 Nth Jefferson, Model Cities Phone 755-2142

O.I.C.--1000 Tuscola St, Opportunity Industrial Center Phone 752-4158

HOUGHTON--Houghton Resource Center, 1608 Johnson St

## DELTA COLLEGE INFORMATION

Tom Hollis, Out-Reach Counselor working out of the Admissions Office at Delta will be at the Multi-Purpose Center beginning Monday, December 18, 1972 until January 7, 1973.

He will be answering questions for anyone that is interested in the facilities that are

available at Delta. i.e. admissions, financial aid, counseling, tutoring and job placement.

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## COMMUNITY COORDINATOR SUPERVISOR STOP-THE-FLOW-OF-DRUGS, INC.

### THE POSITION:

To organize, supervise and motivate the paid personnel in carrying out their assigned tasks in contacting and organizing the local community to become involved in reducing the drug abuse problem in Saginaw. To assist the Director of the program with administrative and other duties as assigned. Work is performed under the direction and supervision of the Director.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To supervise and be responsible for the work output of the community workers and aids in all aspects of the assigned duties.
2. To train and instruct these employees as necessary for the proper performance of their duties.
3. To prepare and disseminate printed material in the community; to assist the Director in preparation of material for any public media.
4. To organize and develop new black clubs and to supervise both new and existing clubs.
5. To work with committees established by the Board of Directors as needed.
6. To assist the Director in the aims of the program by contacting individuals, informal groups, organizations, Social Agencies for the purpose of procuring support, material assistance and/or cooperation.
7. To perform other tasks essential to the carrying out of the goals of the program as the need arises and as assigned by the Director.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Proof of previous training and/or experience in supervision, or a satisfactory work record to indicate the capability of potential good supervision of small groups.

Ability to be accepted by all ethnic groups in the community. Interest and concern in preventing the flow of drugs into the wider Saginaw Community and especially in the Model Neighborhood.

The ability to plan and conduct meetings and to carry out recommendations. The ability to work cooperatively with fellow employees at all levels.

Professional awareness of the need to be prompt, responsible, dependable, able to maintain the confidentiality of those served by the program, loyal to the aims of the program.

### SALARY:

Starting salary, \$6,980 per year. Includes usual fringe benefits. Salary increase will be dependent upon job performance or regular intervals as determined by the Board of Directors.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

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### CLOSING DATE:

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The employer will not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of his race, color, religion, sex, national origin or age.

BEST WISHES AT  
**Christmas**



# Policy Board Hears City Personnel Head

BY: Jim Colvin

Model Cities Policy Board held their regular meeting last Thursday evening.

Mr. John Graves, personnel director for the city of Saginaw, discussed with board members the hiring policy for the city police department. In answer to questions, he explained that all applicants are given psychological tests to determine if any prejudice were present; also he stated that some applicants are called back for further examination after the test results were read.

There was also concern about why no minority officers seemed to be moving up in the ranks. Mr. Graves told the board that according to a new state policy, all patrolmen on the force for five years or more are eligible to take the sergeant's examination, and more than 70 patrolmen in Saginaw have taken this examination. Promotion will be based on seniority as well as test scores.

[Editor's Note: There are Black patrolmen in the Saginaw Police Department who have as much as 30 years seniority, and our readers are aware that these fine men still hold only the rank of patrolmen.]

In a report from CDA Administrator Preston D. Wiley, he expressed concern that the present location of the CDA offices is not adequate and a new location is needed. Lack of heat in the building has already caused the closing of the offices and a hardship in keeping up with administrative duties.

Mr. Wiley indicated some discussion had been held with the city relative to using office space in the city health department building. The board gave its approval to this plan, stipulating however that a location in the Model Neighborhood would be preferred if it became available.

Mr. Wiley recommended that the board tentatively approve negotiations with the First Ward Community Center to use unspent First Year Funds, approximately \$40,000 for sports equipment, outdoor lighting, alarm system and other improvements. The board gave its approval even though it had previously voted to use the funds for economic development. This reversal was questioned by board member Art Smith but the votes were taken without his question being answered.

Franklin Gary, chairman of the ad hoc committee on education, recommended that the youth tutoring program be funded. The board questioned him closely as to whether the committee had adequate data to reach a proper conclusion. Mr. Don Scott of the Board of Education, stated the program could not be implemented now if funded and asked that the

committee reevaluate the project for a proposal for the third action year. The board then voted to return the project to the education committee.

Board chairman Father Joseph Weathersby then discussed the appointment of new committee chairmen for existing committees. During the process of these appointments, a question was raised by Mrs. Claudia Wills as to why the new chairmen could not have been chosen from among the dependable and experienced people who were already serving on those committees. Though he said her point was well-taken and he was willing to consider anyone who wanted to chair a committee, but, his appointments were part of his plan to restructure all the committees.

The board discussed the invitation of the Michigan Coalition to attend its meeting in Detroit. However, a Detroit hotel which was contacted for accommodations refused to extend credit. So it was recommended that any members who wished to could attend and would be reimbursed by the department.

## SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Daniel Heights' senior citizens to receive Christmas baskets donated by Model Cities Senior Citizens Council. Deliveries will be made on December 22, 1972, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

## MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD SENIOR

### CITIZENS TO RECEIVE FREE HEALTH TESTS

Beginning Thursday, December 21, 1972, free health tests will be given to Model Neighborhood Senior Citizens 55 yrs. of age and older.

Tests will be given at the Saginaw Community Clinic located at 2308 Wadsworth St., between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Transportation will be available on a request basis.

Model Cities Senior Citizens Council Incorporated and the Saginaw Community Clinic are the sponsors of this health program for Model Neighborhood Senior Citizens. Date: Every Thursday beginning December 21, 1972. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Location: Saginaw Community Clinic - 2308 Wadsworth. Tests Given: Complete physical, Blood (CBC) Eligibility: 55 yrs. of age or older, a Model Neighborhood

Residents.

Transportation: Will be available to those who request it. Requests must be called in no later than 4 days before testing day. Please call in the afternoon.

Phone: 754-1463 Ext. 68.



Margrett Coleman

Margaret Coleman, who has worked for two years as a Model Cities community organizer, talked last week about her experience with Model Cities and about why she plans to leave the department this month.

"The reason isn't because I don't want to be in the Model Cities Program anymore; it's because I feel there's a need for me to complete my education in the field of nursing."

"I am going to Delta College full-time, beginning in January. This way I can be finished within a year and a half."

Mrs. Coleman explained that when she began working in the Model Cities Department, there was a lot of community organizing to be done:

"When I began, the people I came in contact with, I had to sit down with and explain the program to them, because most people were not aware of the program. And the ones who were aware of it didn't see where Model Cities was doing anything aggressive, or anything that affected their lives."

She said she believed her work as an organizer had been effective up to a point, but the task required a lot more, especially in the direction of publicity and advertisement.

The most vital issues which require the attention of the Model Cities Department, in

her opinion, are health, physical development, and education. She would especially like to see improvement in the areas of health and public safety.

Looking back over the past two years, Mrs. Coleman recalled happy memories. "I have enjoyed this department very much," she smiled, "one of the things I can say about this department is that everybody sticks together, instead of working on a business relationship basis, everybody were friends. And even though I will be leaving, it's not to say I'm through with Model Cities, because I still plan on being actively involved in the program."

The Model Cities News, along with all of her co-workers in the Model Cities Department, wishes Margaret Coleman every success in her new career plans and hopes she will make good her promise to "stay involved".



Preston D. Wiley

## "We too, Have a Dream"

BY: Preston D. Wiley

As a new resident of Saginaw, I have the audacity to believe that most of the good citizens of our city want an open society that all can be proud of.

Tempted as some of our residents might be sometimes to bury their heads in the sand like an ostrich - hoping that the problems of our city will disappear or take flight like a bird and fly away, I would recommend the prayer of Rabbi Julius J. Nodel "Tax us with Dreams"...

"Implant within the hearts of all who are entrusted with the guardianship of our cities a constant awareness of the human values at stake.

Clear the slums of prejudice from our hearts. Illuminate the dark alleys of our indifference.

Renew in us those places in our thinking which are too often willing to try anything new as long as it has been done before.

## Mini-bus Transportation Available

The Multi-Purpose Service Center is now providing limited transportation to Model Neighborhood Residents. The bus runs daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any resident who is receiving services from an agency in the building and may need transportation, please contact their caseworker. If on the other hand a Model Neighborhood Resident who doesn't receive service from an agency located in the Multi-Purpose Center and needs transportation, call 754-1463 extension 15 or 16.

Please make all reservations a day ahead of time designating the time to be picked up and the time of appointment.



Tax us with dreams that are capable of fulfillment. Reapportion our hearts so that there will be no underrepresentation of You in our lives.

Beautify our vision so that we do not abuse the natural blessings of Your creation. Remove the litter of ignorance and greed from the people we serve.

Help us to restore the dilapidated ideals of civic and national pride which are necessary for our growth.

And pave the streets of our intentions with righteousness.

For we know, dear God, there is no greater blight in our cities than fear; no greater crime wave than the flood of despair; and no greater delinquency than inertia."





## People

## Speak



Mrs. Ruth Baker, of 411 S. 30th, has been in business for 26 years on Potter Street. She says it's a good place to do business but some changes are needed. There are a lot of old unattractive buildings in the area that make it look bad. The neighbor could stand some improvement, she said. "If they'd demolish more of these old houses and buildings that need to be torn down, Saginaw might become more of a Model City."

Also, she said, "the law is not strict enough on some of

the crime, because they catch thieves, and in a few minutes they're right back out to do more; I don't think they're strict enough on that."

Mrs. Baker is looking forward to the holidays, which will include a family party on her birthday, December 28th.

Mrs. Baker said she reads the Valley Star and Model Cities News and thinks the paper is very good. "It let's you know what's happening, what's going on in the neighborhood. I think it's real good."



## Comments on Drug Abuse Article

Lucille Webb, 2204 Walnut Street, said she liked the article on drug abuse very much and was very interesting. She thinks Saginaw has a big problem in drug abuse and would

like to see something done about it although it will take some time. Lucille also thinks recreation is still limited for the young people. Black kids with ability and talent that still isn't being used.



## SEASON'S BEST

Like the lamplight's bright rays — we hope this holiday shines. Whether you spend it cookie baking, dropping in to see friends or tree decorating . . . may every sweet moment of Christmas linger long in your memory.

## SECRETARY

## COMMUNITY SPANISH SPEAKING CENTER OF SAGINAW

## THE POSITION:

This person will be responsible for any duties involving clerical work in the office and will be under the direct supervision of the Office Manager.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## FAMILY LIVING RESOURCE CENTER

## POSITION SUMMARY

POSITION TITLE: Family Living Resource Guide

REPORTS TO: Office of Dean of Community Affairs

ACCOUNTABILITY OBJECTIVES: Under supervision and direction by the coordinator of the Family Living Resource Center and according to established procedures, this position is accountable to carry out the objectives of the F.L.R.C. by working with the coordinator, community agencies, organizations, and individuals to improve the family life of Model Cities neighborhood citizens.

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES: 1) Training in specified areas from January 2, 1973 to March 30, 1973 with 15 hours in classroom study and 15 hours a week in community study to develop a case load of Model Cities neighborhood residents identified for "special need", to build a program to service the need, and to multiply the effectiveness of the F.L.R.C.

A. GENERAL CORE TRAINING AREA - ALL resource guides will participate in these Delta College classroom activities.

1. English III-II0 - Basic Communications Skills - written and oral
2. Basic Sociology - Family interaction, analysis of social problems, etc.
3. Urban Social Environment - Understanding urban social problems relating to the Model Cities neighborhood
4. Basic Health Services - Beginning first aid; how to take pulse, temperature, etc.

B. SPECIFIC TRAINING AREAS - Each resource guide will select ONE of these areas of specialized training.

1. Maternal and infant care
2. Home Management
3. Geriatrics Services
4. Home Health Services
5. Community information and transportation services
- 2) April 2 thru June 29, 1973 will be spent working with the identified caseload and any other community person seeking assistance.
- 3) Help identify needs and plan effective programs with the clients dealing with their particular area of need.
- 4) Mobilization of self-help program for clients.
- 5) Follow-up of client program.
- 6) Keeping accurate and current written records on clients.
- 7) Reporting to coordinator and/or counselor on a regular basis on activities with clients, progress, and any personal problems that may develop.
- 8) Functioning in cooperation with entire staff, community organizations, and the Model Cities Community.

NATURE AND SCOPE: This position will have frequent contact and supervision with the director, coordinator, and counselor of the F.L.R.C. the Office of Community Affairs and the Model Cities representative.

QUALIFICATIONS: High school completion or G.E.D. training and/or experience in homemaking activities, training or experience in any of the specific areas of training, knowledge of Model Cities neighborhood, Saginaw Agencies and Organizations; must have own transportation, pleasing personality, enjoy working with people, responsible and dependable, able to keep accurate records, able to deal discreetly with confidential matters.

COMPENSATION: Resource Guides will be admitted to Delta College and receive credit for classroom activities (with no stipend) and will receive approximately \$2.42 per hour (which includes Delta College fringe benefits) for the 15 hour per week activities between January 2 and March 30, 1973. Upon successfully completing the training program, each resource guide will work 25 hours a week at the same salary rate from April 2 thru June 29, 1973. Each resource guide upon successful performance during January 2 to June 29, 1973 till assume a full time position for the year 1973-74. This continued employment is contingent upon the refunding of the project for the year 1973-74.

STARTING DATE: January 2, 1973  
APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Interested candidates will secure applications from the Saginaw Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) or Delta College, Office of Personnel.



## Not Manana People Anymore

By Jim Colvin

"Five years ago, you could find on the tourist posters a Mexican sleeping under a cactus with a sombrero pulled over his head, and they called us the 'Manana People', the people of tomorrow, meaning that Spanish people are very relaxed and very casual and can always wait until tomorrow. Unfortunately, in the crucial times that we live in now, we can't live that casually and that relaxed anymore."

These are the words of Miss Maria Elena Castellanos, educational coordinator for the Community Spanish-speaking center, in an interview with the Valley Star on Thursday, December 7.

In Miss Castellanos' view, the problem faced by Spanish speaking people today is, in its essence, a simple one: Spanish-speaking people have, ever since the mass migration to the North in the 1920's, worked hard to provide for their families and have always been in the forefront of those providing goods and services needed by everyone. But they have been the victims of individual and institutional racism; they have not received the same education and training, the same job and housing opportunities as other people. Thus, they now feel it is necessary to insist upon these rights, as other ethnic groups have done throughout American history.

Miss Castellanos explained how her family background led her to her present philosophy. Her parents, both born in Mexico, came to Michigan during the great migration in the 1920's as migrant laborers. They soon settled out of the migrant stream and her father began working in the Malleable Iron Foundry in 1941 as an unskilled laborer. Thus the Castellanos family, with their ten children, became one of Saginaw's oldest Spanish-speaking families.

Miss Castellanos, as a child, often picked crops during the summer but had never known the life of the full-time migrant worker, "following the crops" from state to state. Thus she was able to learn a great deal when she began working as a teacher aide with migrant children in a rural area north of Midland, back in 1965.

Since that time, she has done many kinds of work, including field work, working with inner city families in both Mexico and Texas, lecturing on the subject of Mexican history, and finally her present position as educational coordinator for the Community Spanish-speaking Center.

Asked what has motivated her throughout all of these activities, she said, "Everyone's most basic need, more important than any other human need, is to give, to help improve the quality of life for other people."

Miss Castellanos feels the problems of Spanish-speaking people are national as well as local problems. The federal government, she said, has deliberately distracted the people's attention away from the faults that exist in the system itself. She used the Welfare system as a prime example: "The welfare system does not teach people to help themselves, but rather infantilizes them, keeps them infants, keeps them ignorant of the rules, keeps them ignorant of their own power, their own intelligence, their own beauty."

Even though this distraction confuses many people about which way to turn for answers to their problems, she feels it is not only possible, but essential, to "bring people together to conquer poverty and war."

At the local level, Miss Castellanos feels that the most critical of the problems faced by the Spanish-speaking are education and training, employment and housing. There are gross inadequacies in all of these areas and she feels the root cause is institutional racism, which she describes as something of an epidemic in the Saginaw area, even though Spanish-speaking people have made up a large portion of the population here for many years.

In the Saginaw public schools, for example, while the dropout rate for white youngsters is 6.1%, and the rate for black students is 5.8%, Spanish-speaking children are dropping out at a rate of 10.1%. The reasons for this are complex, but the crux of it is that the Saginaw schools have ne-

ver given adequate attention to the special problems of their Spanish-speaking students, problems like language differences, differences in culture and ways of perceiving and relating. "Parents who have had to confront the school system over unfair treat-

ment of their children know that this is true," Miss Castellanos emphasized.

This, added to the hard fact that the Spanish-speaking are the lowest socio-economic group, results in a severe educational handicap for these students.

This handicap follows these children through the school system and out into the world of employment, where their chance is far from an equal one.

Miss Castellanos stated that among Saginaw's government agencies, the Michigan Employment Security Commission has only one bi-lingual employment counselor, a fact which merely perpetuates the problem; the Board of Education employs eighteen Spanish-speaking persons, three administrators and fifteen teachers, which totals less than one percent of all such personnel; the Department of Social Services, though making an effort, still lacks sufficient Spanish-speaking employees; in the law enforcement field there are no Spanish-speaking policemen or Sheriff's deputies in this area at all. Other such employers are Saginaw Steering Gear, Saginaw Service Parts, Eaton Manufacturing, and Michigan Bell, though at Bell improvement is evident. These examples show that employment discrimination is present throughout the Saginaw area as a by-product of institutional racism.

As a result of high unemployment, Spanish-speaking people are often unable to afford adequate housing. And when they can afford it, they are often kept from obtaining it because of discrimination.

In all of these areas, says Miss Castellanos, "the hardest hit are those who are now being forced to settle out of the migrant stream by automation in the fields." These are the ones who have not had access to even those limited opportunities enjoyed by

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the ones who settled out earlier.

Where are the solutions to these difficulties? What should be done to correct these wrongs?

"The people are doing that should be done," says Miss Castellanos optimistically. "Things have happened in the eight years I have been away from Saginaw. The people have established new agencies; they have begun to think in political terms, and in organizational terms. They are learning to plan over a longer period of time, instead of just for today. They have seen that government agencies can't do the job, that one or two individuals can't do it. Only the people, families getting together, can do the job. The mobilization has already begun and it's pointed in the right direction."

And who deserves the credit for this fine beginning? Who laid the foundation for the decades of progress to come? Says Miss Castellanos: "The credit goes to several thousand workers and their families, who have struggled to put food on the tables for the citizens of Michigan, since the first migration and who labored in the foundries to provide products that we all need to survive."

These workers have made their contribution through many organizations, from Las Damas de Guadalupe, La Union Civica Mexicana, and the American GI Forum, which have for many years seen and attacked the social ills that held them down, through La Raza Unida, United Migrant Opportunities, and El Concilio de Trabajadores, and right up to the newer organizations like Delta's Viva Club, SVC's La Nueva Generation, Saginaw High's La Familia and the more Establishment-connected Latin American Affairs Department (a project of the Saginaw Catholic Diocese) and Community Spanish-speaking Center (a Model Cities

project).

These groups did not just magically materialize; they were insisted upon, fought for, and bargained for, against long-shot odds. And they are not Sunday breakfast clubs, attended just for something to do; they are tools of the people, catalysts for change; they are better ways to fight for the rights of all Spanish-speaking people.

Miss Castellanos' carefully-informed optimism is most heartening, for she seems to have a finger on this city's pulse. And her fierce, almost militant, dedication to the Spanish-speaking people of Saginaw, is commendable, for although her fine mind and impressive credentials could have placed her in the choicest of community organization positions, this is the place in which she has chosen to use her talents. And Saginaw can count itself fortunate to have someone of her caliber to help in the fight against racism and discrimination.

## Mike Beemon Elected to Committee

BY: Jane Hensler

"My goals are to organize and present the Republican party to the people of Saginaw County," said Mike Beemon newly elected second vice-chairman of the republican committee. Mike, 28, is currently attending Delta College while working as an engineer at Nodular Iron here in Saginaw. Mr. Beemon plans to dig into the Republican and Democrat philosophies to gain a better understanding of the two party system. "I was surprised to hear about the election and tried to imagine what I could do," Mike said. With his good ideas of educating the voter on the issues, I am sure he will do an outstanding job!

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## Sickle-cell Donation Presented

BY: Charlene Colvin

Sickle cell anemia is not a joke; it's not a game; it's not just a subject for small talk at parties. It is a killer, a disease just as dangerous as cancer, just as painful, just as deadly. And for the sickle-cell patient, there is no return. No surgery, no therapy, no medicine can cure the disease. All that medical science can do so far is to ease the pain.

But even though there is no cure, there is hope. For Saginaw, that hope lies in the Community Clinic's Sickle-Cell Anemia Project, and in hard-working groups like the Progressive Five, which last Saturday night presented a \$500 check to the Project. On hand to accept the gift, presented at the club's first anniversary dinner at the Royal Palm, were Mr. Dennis Nelson, the Clinic's new director and the coordinator of the Project, Mrs. Ella Maxey, R.N.

Miss Dorothy Beedles, acting as spokesman for the Progressive Five, which also includes Mrs. Gloria Watkins, Mrs. Helen Duckworth, Mrs. Betty Wallace, and Mrs. Ethel Morrison, explained how the group began. The ladies had been friends for years, in fact, three of them are sisters. And last December, they agreed they wanted to do something for a needy family or a young person who needed college money. But as they proceeded to hold raffles, bake sales, and other activities, they became convinced that the Sickle Cell Anemia Project was the best place for the funds they were raising. And on Saturday evening, December 2, they celebrated their first anniversary by presenting the money they had raised to the Project.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Maxey, the Project coordinator. Her talk was a brief explanation of the disease, its origins, its symptoms, and the testing, diagnosis, and treatment that is now possible.

She explained that sickle-cell anemia is not really confined to the black race, but is found in groups which have migrated from the Mediterranean area. The disease began as a biological resistance against malarial fever, but continued after it was no longer needed and became itself a fatal condition.

The symptoms of sickle-cell are all caused by the fact that the red blood cells which carry oxygen to the body are not round; they are deformed so that they cannot carry enough oxygen. Also, while round cells pass easily through the narrow blood vessels and capillaries, the sickle-shaped cells tend to clump together and clog up the tiny passageways. This causes poor circulation, headaches, dizziness, blackouts, vomiting, pain in the hands and feet, damage to the liver and the brain, low resistance to all infections, strokes and finally death.

Research has not found a cure for sickle-cell so far, although some new chemicals are being tried. Blood transfusions and oxygen are also used as temporary crisis treatments.

Mrs. Maxey also talked about the testing and counseling that is being done now by the Project. Over 3,000 tests have been made, most of them on school children. Of those tested, 108 children have been shown to have the trait (meaning they carry the disease but do not have the symptoms), and one child who has the disease itself. Counseling is being provided for teenagers and adults who have the trait and could pass it on to their children.

One of the people who does this counseling is Mrs. Gloria Mathis. Mrs. Mathis is uniquely qualified to counsel in this area, because she herself suffers from sickle cell anemia. Mrs. Mathis was present at the dinner and answered questions along with Mrs. Maxey. She talked about her own experiences.

Mrs. Mathis began having her symptoms at the age of eleven. Her family was told she had leukemia. But eventually it was discovered that she had sickle-cell anemia. She tried to live her life as normally as possible; she married and now has a son, who is perfectly normal.

Mrs. Mathis added that besides that actual symptoms of the disease, she finds she is subject to depression, nervousness, self-pity, and loneliness. Also she is forced to keep her weight down, since extra weight causes more pain and is a strain on her system.

In her counseling, Mrs. Mathis gives information about the inheriting of the sickle-

cell trait to people who carry it, so that they may decide whether or not to have children. Mrs. Mathis feels these people should think very carefully about this question, since if every person who carries the trait would adopt instead of having his own natural children, the disease could be completely wiped out. "When I was born, no one knew about sickle-cell," she said, "but now there is no excuse."

Mrs. Maxey called Mrs. Mathis "a godsend to the Project", since her experience and insights have been invaluable. She is using some of the experimental medicines, and helps to determine their effectiveness and side-effects.

The donation made by the Progressive Five to the Sickle-Cell Project will go a long way toward more testing, more counseling and more research, to help those who suffer from the disease and to prevent it from being carried on to future generations. These fine ladies are to be congratulated for their contribution to that better tomorrow.



## Joyce's Place Birthday Celebration

A setting with family, friends, relatives, delicious food, drinks, soulful music and a lively spirit surrounded the birthday celebration of Mrs. Canzida Jones at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. James O. Johnson, 2423 Needham Street. Mrs. Jones was quite surprised at all the guest who came to wish her well on her sixty-eighth birthday on December 8, as she had been told earlier that just some members of the family were coming over for dinner. The dinner was served buffet style which included on the menu fried chicken, ham, salads, baked beans, relish trays, punch and the birthday cake.

Many gifts were given to Mrs. Jones who is also called "Big Mama" by many of her friends, grandchildren and play-children. Included in the gifts were lingerie, leather gloves, cologne, tableware, toiletry items and \$54 in cash. "Big Mama" was certainly enjoying herself as she laughed and talked with everyone that came in and presented her with a birthday present. She also received a loving trophy and a "cuss" box along with the many cards and kisses on the cheek. Just by looking, you could tell that this lady



was very much loved by those who were at the party; their admiration was very widely displayed.

Relatives who came by the beautiful birthday celebration were Mrs. Jones sister and brother-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Young, another sister, Mrs. Jettie Eskridge, her brother Mr. Rosco Kelly from Detroit, another brother, Homer Kelly, and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren which included Martha Emerson, Bobbie Jones, Mr. & Mrs. John Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wilkins, Mrs. Lillie Wright, Mr. Johnney Jones, Miss Linda Thomas, Sharon Bullock, Florine Kelly and her son, Mrs. Frankie Holden, Mrs. Gloria Griffin and Charles Sledge. With all these people, they could have a party by themselves but with them there were other well-wishers who included Mr. & Mrs. Harry Browne, Mrs. Vivian John-

son & family, a special guest, Miss Agnes Barclay from Liberia, Mrs. Ella Hall, Miss Sharon Winters and son, Debra and Janice Coleman, Betsy, Vanita and Gail Little, Mrs. Louberta Little, Mrs. Mary L. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Benny Little from Detroit, and myself. These are just a few of the many friends and relatives who were at the celebration honoring "Big Mama" Mrs. Canzida Jones. The setting was a very beautiful, joyful and relaxed one; just about everyone there knew everyone else, if they didn't, they were introduced and well acquainted before they left. Along with the laughing, talking and eating, many relatives and friends were taking pictures of the honored Mrs. Jones and when her picture was being taken, everyone wanted to be on the picture with her.

Mrs. Jones loves to be around people and people love to be around her. She really enjoyed herself and her birthday party. In the coming years, I and all others wish that she will have many more happy birthdays, many more happy celebrations and continue to live a rewarding life. Big Mama, you're not getting older, you're getting better. Love and best wishes, Joyce

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own home, but unfortunately much of the same prejudice still exists.

For example, Mr. Simmons and several others formed Wayne County Housing Development and proposed to build 150 units of low income housing for seasonal and migrant farm workers in a nearby township. "But we got too much flack from people, and the town passed a zoning law that prohibits our project."

In Madison County, also in upstate New York, a large muckland farmer wanted to put a mobile home park on his property so he could provide free decent housing and thus attract Mexican-Americans for year-round farm work. His application for a mobile home license was denied after a heated zoning board of appeals hearing at which local residents charged they didn't want Spanish-speaking people in the area. The board

denied the license even though there were seven other mobile home parks in the township.

Resorting to the courts, the grower won a reversal of the decision and today the five large mobile homes, with two apartments each, are set up. This didn't take place without incident, however, for the grower's office and one of the homes was burned several months after the court decision.

What are the churches do-

ing to help the summertime migrants and to work for Christian understanding? The New York State Council of Churches' Commission on Migrant Labor has denominational representatives and 20 committees across the state, under direction of six coordinators, including Mrs. Rand. Both Protestants, including United Methodists, and Catholics cooperate.

"We support the OEO programs," said the Rev. Robert Cobb, an Episcopal priest

who heads the commission staff. "And we try to act as watchdogs. When we find violations, we notify the appropriate state agency. We find they investigate pretty well. Within 48 hours we've had responses from the State Labor Department, for example. Then, of course, there are ministries and worship services for migrants. Right now, we're trying to move from just a three-month summer program to a full year."

Many church people, including United Methodists, cooperate in child day care and education services which, in New York State, are provided to migrants under several government agencies, including the State Department of Education and Agriculture and Markets. For example, the United Methodist Church in Clinton was a center for migrant services, including Sunday School, when large numbers of workers used to come to the area.

Despite the work of social agencies and churches, endless problems still exist. Mrs. Karen Tobin, director of Program Funding Inc., the OEO agency in Sodus, listed some of them. "The migrants never had access to lawyers, but now we're providing some legal services. They're used a lot. We give assistance in welfare rights cases, for instance."

Mrs. Tobin was excited about a new U.S. Labor Department grant her agency received which will be a pilot program for migrants who may want to leave the stream and be trained for other jobs. The program will provide basic adult education so that migrants may then qualify for regular job training. Medical benefits and day care for children will be offered during the education period.

"The most important thing we're trying to do is develop self-determination for people, if people don't know what to do," she said, "we first go with them to an agency and assist them, but we hope that the next time they can do it for themselves."

## The Ebony Ball

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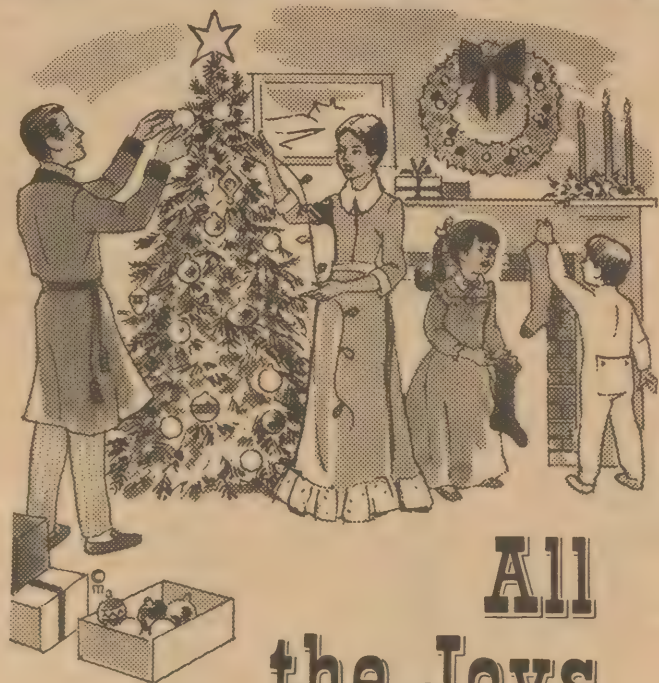
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## Bright Stars Spiritual Singers Celebrate Anniversary at Church



Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. was the beginning of another "Bright Star" Anniversary singing. The program was held at the church on Lapeer and 5th Street with Rev. Emanuel Gore.

The program began its 26th marker with Brother Richard Gude, who gave devotion to a church holding about 450 listening ears. Master of ceremonies was the Rev. M.T. Thompson from New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

The talented Bright Stars, a group of five men have been singing for the last 26 years together and some. And are doing and enjoying their thing. Also have included themselves with the well known Nashville Recording Artists. So they have come a long way but as they say behind every good man there is a good "woman", and each have one. The members of the group and wives are: William E. Thompson & wife Ann, James Davis & wife Evla, Frank Brewer & wife Betsy, Jerry Ward & wife Bertha, and Gene Shannon & wife Betty. The wives of these five men coordinated and got the program together, resulting in this beautiful evening of entertainment.

Also present as the program and well participating was that well known Saginaw Valley District Choir that consists of 350 soul voices. The group moved and grooved the crowd ranging from ages young and old.

Sister Martha Bell Glover welcomed the full church to the enlightening program to faceon, she really gave them a good feeling of being at home.

Mrs. Ann Johnson talked with Valley Star's reporter and stated she was most happy for the great outcome of the program and wanted to thank all for coming, choirs and all participating. Ann herself also sung some soul in a group which she has together "The Golden Echoes". Others including were: Mrs. Lillie Wright, Wilma Turner, and Mary Adams. They sung one song "Getting Ready To Go" and had everyone standing on their feet.

Also highlighting porting of the program was when Sister Minnie Morris sang "Give Me My Flowers" a

most beautiful piece that coordinated with the wives presenting bouquets of flowers to their husbands, "The Bright Stars", as a token of their great fellowship.

Other groups present that made the evening worth getting out for were: The Power of Faith, Wonderlands, New Mt. Calvary's Male Choir, Mysterious Singers, Southern Trumpets, who were special guests from Flint, Michigan, The Gospel Keys, Highlight Gospel Choirs and The Guiding Lights.

Thanks are extended to all and hopes are to see such a beautiful crowd next year.

## From Social Security

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I had a heart attack 2 months ago, and I'm unable to work. I have been getting a weekly check of \$60 from my employer's health insurance plan. These checks will keep on coming for 6 months. Since there is a waiting period for social security disability benefits, should I wait until the insurance checks from my employer stop before I apply for social security payments? No, you should call any social security office immediately to apply.

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acks have come a long way. But, the fact has to be faced that we do not "help" ourselves or each other enough.

We've been "singing a sorrow song" long enough - too long. It is time more of us started using our brains to communicate instead of our mouths to complain. Opportunity is here if we just prepare for it and seek it - work toward it. Let us think along this channel: "If I was not chosen for a job, was I qualified? Do I need more training? Do I need extra studies?"

(I, myself, have never been refused a position to which I applied - and I am, without a doubt, black. I have always been certain I was, first, qualified - so that if I was rejected on applying for a job, I would know it was for some other reason. But, I was sure. I worked and studied hard.)

In a short conversation with a Black teacher, (who could pass by complexion for any nationality but Black) she exclaimed to me, "I'm going to bleach my hair and apply for a job at City Hall." I hastily explained to her that I have been employed at City Hall many times since residing in Saginaw, and had no racial problem. Upon hearing this, she asked me what I had to do to obtain a job. When I described the kind of tests administered there and in most offices, she said with resignation, "Oh, if I have to take a test, I won't make it." Now that remark, coming from a Black teacher was appalling to me. It was a perfect example of negative thinking - the "I can't make it" attitude. I wondered how she could expect to teach her pupils and children of her own to be objective about today's problems in this complicated society with such an attitude.

I deviated from the election subject in order to stress the importance of Black peo-

ple becoming more involved in elections by voting, serving wherever possible, asking questions, etc., for we are to blame for some of our failures to progress. One step at a time can move smoother and faster than one would believe. We must never lose sight of a goal; never lose hope, communication with family and friends and community.

## Not So Gay Divorcee



BY: Gwendolyn Collier

I'm a woman with a divorce, and life's been hell, and growing worse, when I was married, I dreamed of being free, little did I know the problems it would cause me. Men in general aren't hard to come by, it's just hard to find that one special guy, the one that will love you and another man's children too. Most divorcees pretend there as happy as a lark, but they shed a lot of tears, when night falls, and they're alone in the dark, for in the light it's easy to pretend, but in the dark, when you're alone all pretending comes to a sad and painful end. When a man finds out you've got a divorce, he figures you're hard up or something worse, so he doesn't stand on formality, "Come on baby, don't freeze up on me." If you say no, you

# Holy night



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know what that means, that's the last time that man will be seen, after all who do you think you are, that you should make him wait, you've been around, it's not like this is your first date. So as you can see, being divorced isn't all it's said to be, unless of course it's on TV.

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Mrs. Louise Scott

## Progressives Hold Dinner

BY: Charlene Colvin

A marvelous buffet dinner, a charming and very moving Christmas program by Mrs. Claudine Wickes' Civitan Hi-Steppers and a straight-from-the-shoulder talk from a Black woman who knows Saginaw's problems -- all these things combined to make the Women's Progressive Club's 13th Annual Christmas Dinner one of the most important events of the holiday season.

This well-attended banquet with the theme of "Accepting the Challenge for Peace, Justice and Progress", was held Sunday afternoon, December 10 at the Holiday Inn East.

Following the dinner, toast mistress Louberttha Weathersby introduced those seated at the head table. They were: Rev. Joseph Weathersby, of the Episcopal Diocese; Mrs. Bernice Barlow, president of the local NAACP chapter; Mrs. Blondell Robinson; Mrs. Roberta Johnson, counselor for Saginaw public schools; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Colvin of the Valley Star and Mark Colvin; Mrs. Christina Goines, Women's Progressive Club president; Mrs. Rita Scott, speaker for the day; Mrs. Louise Scott, secretary and program chairman of the Women's Progressive Club; Miss Jacqueline Clark, who led the singing of the Black National Anthem; Isaac Robinson, son of the club's founder; Miss Sheila Tolliver, president of the club junior organization; and Mrs. Mary Snyder, supervisor of employment and training for the Department of Social Services.

Following greetings by Miss Sheila Tolliver, who is a very impressive and well-spoken young lady, the musical program began. And it was just like the Christmas programs we all remember from Sunday school where everyone is charmed by the innocence and enthusiasm of the children.

When the whole group sang "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing", it seemed the song must have been written just for Mrs. Wickes, who has taught a large part of Saginaw to sing.

The Christmas spirit fell with a hush over the audience as Mrs. Eugenia Aldridge sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"; and it continued as Mrs. Daisy Barber sang "O Holy Night", accompanied by the beautiful

interpretive dancing of the Rhythm Choir.

Again, all the youngsters came together to sing "Let There Be Peace On Earth," and their earnest faces carried a lesson into the heart of every adult, about the meaning of Christmas.

After the familiar carol "Angels We Have Heard On High", the program was concluded with the Hi-Steppers classic farewell, "Good Night Ladies".

None of it could have been more perfect, more appropriate, or more heart-warming. And the children had more fun than anybody, with the possible exception of Mrs. Wickes herself.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Rita Scott, who as director of educational programs for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, has been deeply involved with the recent crisis in the Saginaw public schools. Mrs. Scott is also active in a large number of groups which concern themselves with the improvement of public schools in the Detroit area.

Mrs. Scott began by assuring her listeners that the problems that led to last year's crisis still exist. She saw no one group or person as being wholly responsible, but said, "There's blame enough for all to share."

She pointed out that Saginaw is not unique among American cities, since nearly "every school district in the country is in trouble today."

Mrs. Scott described some of her own experiences with the Detroit school system and told how she learned a lesson from a student. A brilliant young man, but considered a troublemaker, this student said to her, "There can be no peace until we have justice." This concept of every student right to fair treatment under the system has become a foundation stone in her philosophy of education.

Looking at our school systems, she feels many changes, basic, sweeping changes are badly needed. But these will only come about as a result of people becoming aware of problems and personally involved in the operation of their neighborhood schools. And emphasizing the need for a new involvement on all levels, she predicted, "Peace will



Mrs. Joe Weathersby



The Little Fan Dancers



The eyes and the nose have it.

come to this world because individuals decide to become a part of a movement for change."

For too long, people have waited for government to solve their problems. Said, Mrs. Scott: "I don't look to the President, or the governor, or to the mayor or even the Township Board of Supervisors as the most important immediate savior."

The people themselves, those who recognize the problems in the schools and the community and who are concerned, must work together toward solutions to these problems. And too much time has already been wasted. "That we allow this to continue," said Mrs. Scott, "is the real tragedy. We are waiting for a Martin Luther King, or a Malcolm X, or some other great leader to say those magic words so that we can begin becoming a free people."

She urged her listeners to find out what's happening in

their schools, to listen to their children and to work for change throughout the school system; and she left them faced squarely with the challenge for peace, justice and progress.

The Women's Progressive Club presents a Clubwoman of the Year Award each year at the Christmas banquet. This year, it was announced by Mrs. Ann Roberts that the member selected to receive the award was Mrs. Martha Chambers. Mrs. Chambers was chosen for her dedication to the Club's ideals, her dependability as a club officer and her spirit of cooperation and loyalty toward the club members.

A benediction by Father Joseph Weathersby concluded a day of fine entertainment, thought-provoking discussion and warm fellowship in the tradition of the Saginaw Women's Progressive Club.



Nellie Brooks



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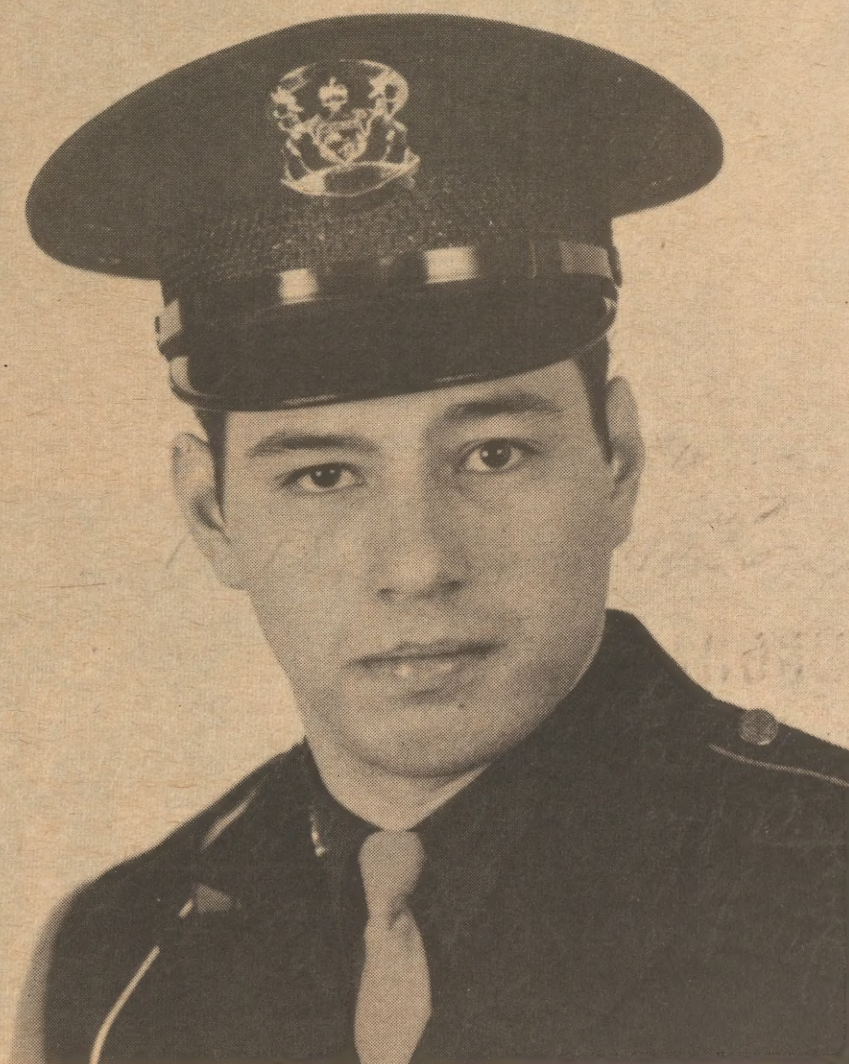
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